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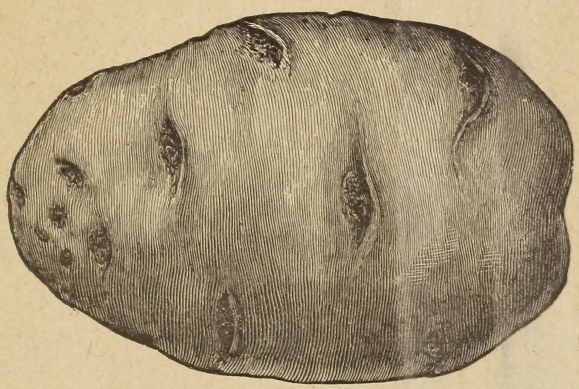

GROWN AT

Houlton, Aroostook County, Maine,

And Selected with the Greatest Care,
Expressly for Seed, by

WM. S. SWEET & SON,

89, 91, 93 & 95 Canal St.,

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

WHAT SHALL THE HARVEST BE?

YOUTH and Age; Morning and Evening; Seedtime and Harvest: This is the order of nature, and by it we are admonished that time has again brought to us the season when we must select our Seed. This in turn brings up the question "What Seed?" Let us consider a moment. Are you aware that the Potato is the staple food of the civilized world? Do you not know that to-day a bushel of Potatoes will bring the farmer more money than a bushel of Wheat will bring him? You of course know that you can raise five times the number of bushels of Potatoes from an acre of ground that you can raise of Wheat. Is it not, then, the part of wisdom to devote your attention to the more profitable crop? There can be no question about it, and this circular is written for the purpose of calling your attention to the character and attributes of the different varieties of the ruggedest Seed Potatoes in the wide, wide world.

It is like a "thrice told tale" to descant upon the merits of the **Aroostook County, Maine, Seed Potatoes.** By force of sheer merit they have made their way, until to-day they stand, with many rivals, it is true, but without a peer. The season of 1894 furnished a striking illustration of the virtues of the Aroostook County Seed Potatoes. In every other part of the Union the Potato crop was a partial or complete failure, while in the State of Maine the crop was more than 100 per cent. of a full crop. Could there be a more forcible or convincing testimonial?

You can depend upon it, that you will find no variety of Potato mentioned in this circular except such as have stood the test of practical every-day farming for a series of years. You will find mentioned in it none of those so called fancy varieties of which it can be truly said that they have no valuable attribute except the price. Every Potato in our list is a "money getter" for the farmer, and they are on our list because we are looking for the trade of those farmers who are in the business for money.

Grown in the cold Northeast, where the fittest only can survive, our Seed stock is all bought, selected and assorted by competent Seedsmen in our employ, so that in buying Seed of us, you can feel assured that stock is pure and true to name.

Neither is it economy to buy cheap Potatoes for Seed. The planter may possibly save $1.00 per barrel in the first cost, but it will be at a loss of ten times that amount in the crop.

We make a specialty of handling Potatoes; we handle them not only in Seedtime but all the year round, so that we have the best of facilities for securing pure Seed stock; and, as stated before, all our Potatoes are bought directly from the farmers, and our Seed stock selected and assorted by our own Seedsmen, and is held for us until needed.

The following varieties are standard; every one has stood the test of years and can be depended on. We begin with:

The Houlton Early Rose.

This potato has led the list for the last 31 years and is to-day the best early market potato. Our seed of this variety is grown on the new land of Aroostook Co., is rugged and pure and produces as good crops as those which made the Early Rose famous in its early years. Remember that our Rose is not to be confounded with the old run-out Rose grown in other sections.

Price $3.50 per Barrel, $1.50 per Bushel.

The Early Beauty of Hebron.

This is the only variety that has ever been a formidable rival of the Early Rose. It is a very handsome potato, is a sure cropper, its cooking qualities are excellent and it commands 10 cents more per bushel in this and Boston market for cooking purposes the season through than any other variety. In most sections this variety has been mixed with the variety known as the White Elephant, and where this mixture has been used for seed it has not given satisfactory results; but our seed of this variety is pure and can be depended upon.

Price $3.50 per Barrel, $1.50 per Bushel.

The King of the Early.

This potato originated in Northern Vermont from a seedling of the Early Rose, and wherever it has been given a fair trial has proven to be a good cropper and to mature very early—from 7 to 10 days before the Early Rose. This variety very much resembles the Early Rose, so much so that it is with difficulty that they are distinguished from each other when grown.

Price $4.00 per Barrel, $1.75 per Bushel.

The New Queen.

This new variety has proven itself to be possessed of all the good qualities claimed for it by its originators. It closely resembles the Beauty of Hebron in its appearance, but matures from 7 days to 10 days earlier than that variety. Our seed of this variety comes from Caribou, Maine, where it originated, and is pure and true to name.

Price $4.00 per Barrel, $1.75 per Bushel.

Clarke's No. I.

This is an excellent potato; it resembles the Early Rose, and its friends claim that it matures earlier and is a better cropper than that variety. We think, too, that this variety is steadily growing in favor, for we have been unable to supply the demand for it during the past three years. We have made arrangement however this season for what we believe will be an adequate supply of pure seed of this variety.

Price $4.00 per Barrel, $1.75 per Bushel.

The Thornburn.

This variety was discovered by Mr. E. L. Coy, of Hebron, N. Y., and is well thought of where known. It closely resembles the Beauty of Hebron in shape and color, but is a better yielder than that variety.

Price $4.00 per Barrel, $1.75 per Bushel.

The Early Norther.

This superb New Early Potato originated at Caribou, Maine. In shape and color it resembles the "Early Rose" and matures fully as early as does this latter variety. Mr. Jerrard, the originator of the "Early Norther," says of it: "In point of yield it nearly doubles the 'Early Rose' and is probably the best early potato on the market to-day." Our stock of this variety is from Caribou, Maine, and is pure and true to name.

Price $4.00 per Barrel, $1.75 per Bushel.

The Early Maine.

This variety is a Seedling of the Early Rose, and in some sections where the latter variety has failed to do well we have reports of big results from the Early Maine. The tubers are rugged and healthy and you will make no mistake in planting this variety.

Price $4.00 per Barrel, $1.75 per Bushel.

The Bliss Triumph or Stray Beauty.

We believe these two names to represent the same variety of potato. It is a round, smooth, red skinned, white meated, and splendid cooking potato. It matures early and is a large yielder. It stands shipping well and this quality has enabled it to achieve some splendid results, especially in the South.

Price $4.00 per Barrel, $1.75 per Bushel.

Early Sunrise.

This variety has been before the public for several years and its excellent qualities have caused it to become a standard variety for extra early marketing. It is an extraordinary yielder and is one of the best of the Rose family to which it belongs.

Price $4.00 per Barrel, $1.75 per Bushel.

The Pearl of Savoy.

This very excellent early variety originated in Vermont, and has steadily grown in favor since its introduction. It is very hardy and matures very early,—fully a week earlier than the Early Rose, which it closely resembles in shape and color.

Price $4.00 per Barrel. $1.75 per Bushel.

We consider the preceding varieties to be the best early sorts; below we name the best late varieties.

The Dakota Red.

This is the most prolific yielder of which we have any knowledge. It is a very hardy variety and is capable of being forced by heavy fertilizing to produce mammoth crops. This fact has gained for it an enviable reputation as a cropper. It is moreover a potato that matures between the early and late varieties and on this account has been highly esteemed as a market potato. It is a splendid cooker.

Price $3.00 per Barrel, $1.25 per Bushel.

The Burbank Seedling.

This is an old reliable variety and is A No. 1 for a late, large-yielding, good-keeping potato, and for table use after January 1st, is one of the best.

Price $3.00 per Barrel, $1.25 per Bushel.

The White Star.

This is a first class late potato, handsome in appearance and in our opinion a better cooker than the Burbank. We consider it to be the best white potato grown.

Price $3.50 per Barrel, $1.50 per Bushel.

The White Elephant.

This potato is own sister to the Beauty of Hebron and is a very productive late potato. It grows large size, no small ones and is of a very handsome appearance. Remarks regarding danger of mixture, noted above, apply equally here; and our seed of this variety is absolutely pure and can be depended on.

Price $4.00 per Barrel, $1.75 per Bushel.

The Green Mountain.

This very excellent white potato originated in the Lake Champlain country and its excellent qualities are bound to put it in the front rank of market potatoes. It is a big cropper and a splendid cooker. It is oval in shape and the tubers are of good size, and for a first class winter potato, it cannot be beaten.

Price $3.50 per Barrel, $1.50 per Bushel.

Quotations in this circular include packages.

All of our Seed Potatoes are brought to us in Eastman Heater cars, so that we take no chances of their freezing, and by making Providence our distributing point, we are enabled to give all orders our personal supervision. We can ship in car lots in bulk from Aroostook County to any part of the country, but prices quoted herein are f. o. b. Providence.

Our SEED is packed in clean, full size, round hoop barrels, solid full, and double-headed; or if you prefer we will ship in bags. Cash must accompany order to secure attention for same and remittances may be by Postal Note, P. O. Order, Express Order, Bank Draft or Registered Letter.

Soliciting the favor of your orders, which shall receive our prompt and careful attention, we have the honor to remain,

Your very obedient servants,

WM. S. SWEET & SON.

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